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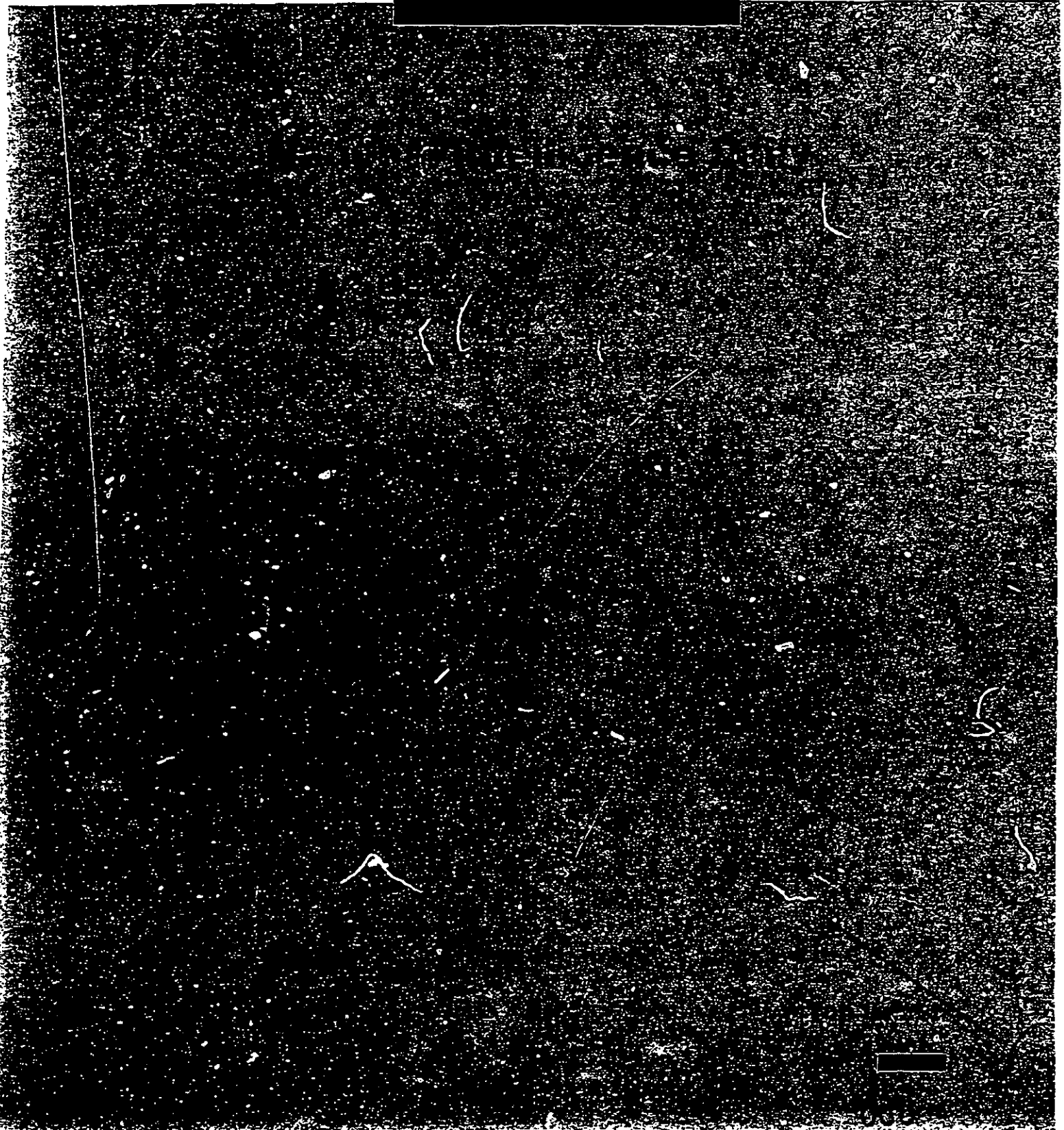
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CHILE: Growing Opposition

The widespread support for the "Day of National Protest" on Tuesday and the government's slow pace of transition to civilian rule will encourage more opposition activities in coming months. [REDACTED]

Press sources report at least one person was killed and 644 arrested in Santiago and other major cities. The National Workers' Command, a coalition of labor confederations led by Copperworkers' President Seguel, organized small street rallies and business and school boycotts. Leftist youths are believed responsible for the 10 bombings. [REDACTED]

The two leading political coalitions of right, center, and moderate-left parties publicly supported the protests. Air Force General Leigh—a retired junta member—and transport workers and wheatgrowers also endorsed the demonstrations. [REDACTED]

President Pinochet attributes the agitation to the Chilean Communist Party and to Soviet influence. He says the constitutional timetable will not be changed and vows the government will stand firm. The government has announced that Seguel, who already is being prosecuted for organizing protests on 11 May, has been arrested. [REDACTED]

Comment: The organizers of the protest probably will continue to push their demands—ranging from an end to the state of emergency to establishment of a congress—by organizing similar protests next month. Demonstrators were more successful in organizing activities outside the capital and among professional groups. [REDACTED]

The extent of the demonstrations will increase public doubts concerning Pinochet's assertion that opposition activities are the result of Communist efforts. Vigorous prosecution of Seguel is likely to provoke immediate protests and may lead to a strike by the copperworkers or a general strike. [REDACTED]